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Striving to do what's right

Gray leads lead cleanup at smelter

By KEVIN CARBERY
STAFF WRITER

The man who has been in charge of the Doe Run Company's Herculaneum lead smelter since September 2001 said he has a simple philosophy for dealing with the community's lead cleanup situation.

"I think we could say we are striving to do the right thing," said Clif Gray, vice president and general manager of the Herculaneum smelter site. "I've told my people from day one: just do the right thing."

Doe Run entered into an agreement with the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 2001 to clean up the air, water and soil near the company's Herculaneum lead smelter.

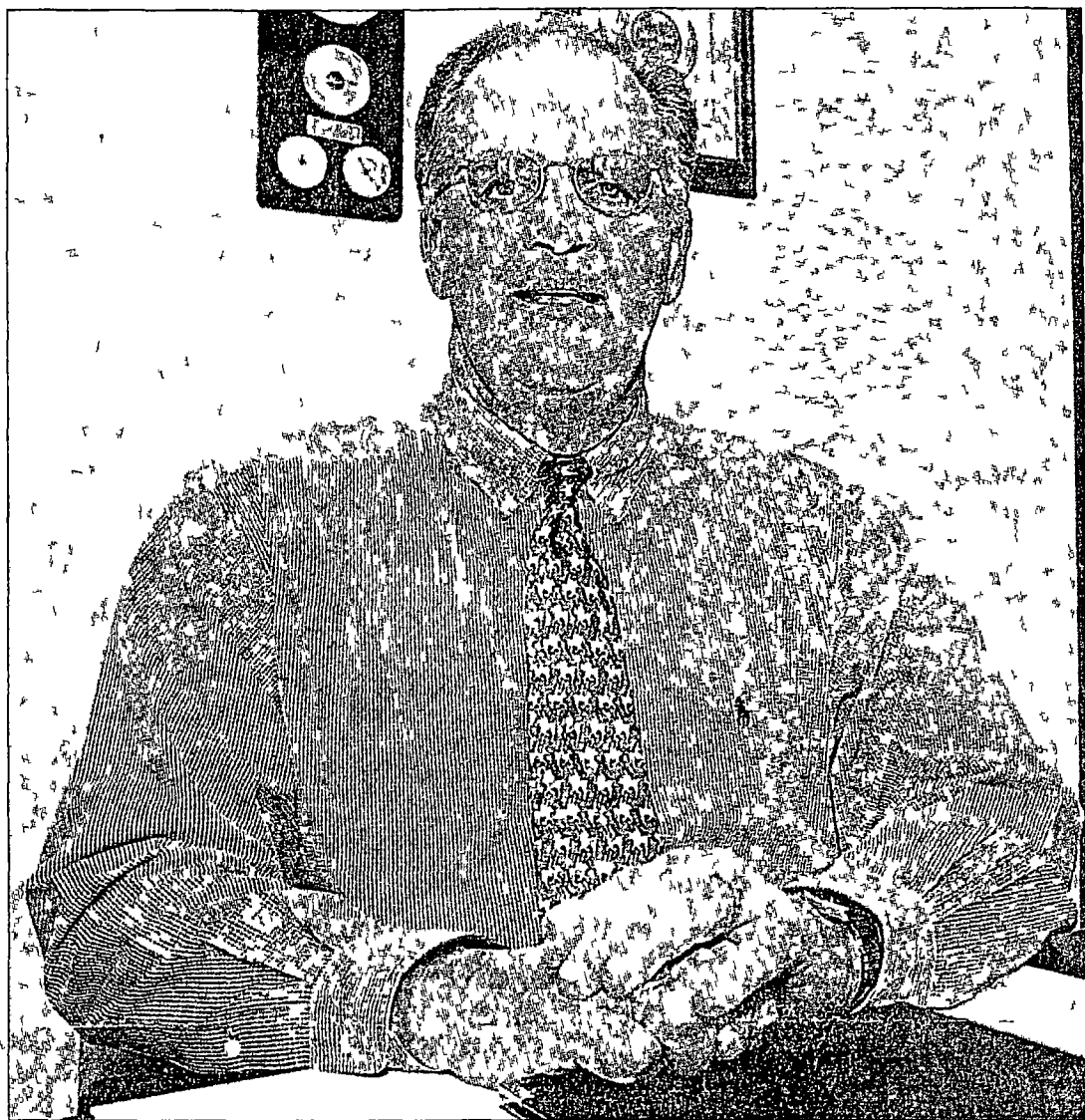
Gray, 56, who has more than 35 years of smelter and professional experience, is responsible for all aspects of the company's domestic primary smelting operations and the oversight of remediation work in the Old Lead Belt area for the Doe Run Company.

Among the accomplishments achieved by Doe Run since Gray took over his position have been meeting the national air quality standards regarding lead for six consecutive quarters, implementing a voluntary home buyout program for those living near the smelter and installing a new all-weather truck wash to clean lead dust and other related debris from trucks that travel through the Herculaneum smelter site.

The company also has spent \$12 million in air pollution controls at the smelter site in recent years.

There are several things that have contributed to our success, Gray said. Doe Run has worked hard to turn things around here in Herculaneum.

"I think it's important to say



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Clif Gray, vice president and general manager of Doe Run, said progress has been made in the cleanup project but that there are other ways to improve.

Officials, residents speak out on Gray

By KEVIN CARBERY
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Since Clif Gray became vice president and general manager of the Doe Run Company's Herculaneum smelter in September 2001, controversy over the lead cleanup of the city has not disappeared, but has greatly subsided.

Gray's contributions to improving the situation are a matter for debate. As such, some community leaders were asked what they thought of Gray's participation in handling the lead contamination problem in Herculaneum.

Herculaneum Mayor John Chamis said he believes Gray has made a positive contribution to the lead cleanup of the city.

Things have changed for the better, Chamis said. According to the (federal Environmental Protection Agency) and the (state Department of Natural Resources), Doe Run is doing what has to be done.

Absolutely (Gray) has contributed to make the situation better. He's been the guy down there to make it better. He's not sitting on his hands.

Chamis said he has been encouraged by reports that Doe Run has been meeting national air quality standards for the past year and a half.

"I feel they've made great strides in cleaning up the lead," he said. "They've been in compliance with the air standards. That's a sign that things are getting better."

Leslie Warden, a former Herculaneum alderwoman who is a core team member of the Herculaneum Lead Smelter Site Community Advisory Group, has a more critical opinion of the efforts of Doe Run and Gray.

"I think (Doe Run's cleanup program) has been a response to the public's pressure and the government's pressure," she said. "The improvement"

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they've made should have been made 10 to 15 years ago. A lot of it was sloppy house-keeping that was neglected by the company at the local level for many years.

I think things would have been done whether Clif Gray or anyone else (was in charge). I don't think any one person made a difference.

Warden said she is not ready to let her guard down in monitoring the Doe Run lead cleanup of the city.

I'm still very concerned about the truck route contamination, she said. I would like to see them have their own private road put in instead of dragging the lead concentrate across the public streets. My next concern is the plant isn't getting any younger. I hope they keep their housekeeping up and keep improving without a government babysitter.

I have to pat the community on the back for their heightened awareness of what has been going on. That has made a difference.

Another Herculeaneum Lead Smelter Site Community Advisory Group core team member Jim Kasten said he believes Gray has done a good job.

I do think things have improved under Clif, Kasten said. I think Clif is a real dynamic leader. He puts people in charge of things and puts his trust in them so these people take ownership of their decisions and responsibilities.

Because of his leadership skills, he's encouraging people to take ownership of the task set before them to clean up the town.

Kasten also spoke of Gray's demeanor in guiding Doe Run's lead cleanup effort.

He has helped change attitudes, he said. He has always been positive. What can I do? He's always said that whatever they could do to help a situation and is economically feasible, they would.

Clif is a good listener. I think for Clif, the glass is always half full, not half empty. I think he's been good for the community. If there's a problem before him, he tries to overcome it.

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By Peggy Scott
For the Leader

Students at Herculanum High School will have a say in what images best depict the city on a new city logo

The logo is the first project of a new organization called Herculanum Today and Tomorrow which hopes to focus attention on the community's positive points

Art students in teacher Stephen Drinen's classes worked with professional graphic artist Tim Howard of the Perspectives Group in Alexandria, Va. to come up with some ideas for the logo

Howard visited with Herculanum High school art students in January to get their ideas about what the logo should include. Students suggested the logo might include the bell that rings when the Black Cats win a football game, a park on the bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River, the Doe Run smokestack and Herculanum's friendly people.

Howard took those ideas and worked with students to come up with several logo possibilities. He plans to finalize several draft logos and e-mail them to the



Sherree Faries photo

Herculanum High School junior Steven Harris 17 works on his version of a logo

students for their input

The final logo choice will be made by the Herculanum Today and Tomorrow committee. Committee members include Gertie O'Leary, Jim Kasten, Pat Parson and Jo Ann Thompson.

Howard's visit and work on the logo project is being funded by the federal Environmental Protection Agency. Kerry Herndon said the EPA has money avail-

able to help revitalize Superfund sites like Herculanum

The EPA has a contract with Perspectives Group to work with communities across the country, she said. Herndon expects to have some logo options available for the Feb. 17 Community Action Group (CAG) meeting. Herculanum Today and Tomorrow is an offshoot of the CAG.

We are working with the Missouri Department of Health, the Department of Natural Resources, the Environmental Protection Agency, Doe Run and citizens to make it a great place to live, Thompson said.

Herculanum needs some revitalization, Thompson said, in the wake of years of lead contamination followed by cleanup efforts by Doe Run. The EPA and the state Department of Natural Resources

Since reaching an agreement with state and federal officials in 2001, the lead smelter has cleaned up its air emissions. 2003 was the first year ever that the plant was in compliance all four quarters with federal air emissions standards. But Thompson said the town is suffering an image problem.

We took a big hit in the n... Thompson said. We need some positive some positive PR.

She hopes the Herculanum Today and Tomorrow committee can bring some attention to the city's good points.

We are a modern up and coming area, Thompson said. We also have great history. Herculanum has wonderful people and it's a super area.

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Once the logo is completed, Thompson said, the committee hopes to start other projects to highlight Herculanum's good points.

We have the confluence of Joachim Creek and the Mississippi River, she said. We are talking about walking paths and bike paths.

Herculanum also has I-55, Hwy 61, 67 railroad and the river. We can see ourselves as a hub for the region, she said. Good things are happening. Herculanum has the potential to do wonderful things.

Drinen said his students were enthusiastic about the logo project. We got to have some input on what's important around the area, Drinen said.

Students talked about positive attributes of the town like (former Gov. Daniel) Dunklin's grave, the victory bell and the giant H out by the front of the school.

He took it from there, Drinen said.

He's going to send back some of the ideas he has come up with for the students to see.

The city's existing logo, which shows the riverfront, a riverboat and

some agricultural images, was designed by one of Drinen's students, Jeff Marler, about 25 years ago.

Things have changed over the years, Drinen said.



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Herculanum High School senior Joe Boyer 17 works on his version of a logo